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Athletics interns learning the ropes

Jordan Cameron
Staff Writer

Clarke has begun a new athletic internship program for business majors. Each student involved is assigned to create and manage an area of the athletics program in hopes of making improvements.

Some of the areas that the seven participating students are responsible for are duties such as improving the weight room; recruiting and prospecting, which centers on helping a new coach develop and carry out a recruiting strategy; and the lacrosse start-up that focuses on the logistics for starting a new sport.

"With the weight room we want to put up the rules as well as add some pictures of students in the weight room. We also anticipate painting to clean up the place as well as a plan for expansion," said senior business and sports management major Sonia Colavita.

The main emphasis for the internship is to show busi-



Clarke's first Athletic Department interns, from left: Brianne Boals, Ethan Jelinek, Drew Furlano, Caleb Johnson, Amanda Raschke, Graham Mahon, Sonia Colavita.

ness majors the business side of sports. It's not often people realize what goes on behind the scenes in conducting a successful and well-managed sports program.

With each area of the internships comes a new challenge in advancing the sports program.

"The athletic internship is an opportunity to bring business majors into the world of sports and show students how sports can be more like a business rather than just a game," said senior business major Caleb Johnson. "Being in this internship has

helped me understand the ins and outs of the business that is sports from how to create a scorecard to organizing inventory through a spreadsheet."

Being able to come together and start an athletics internship helps Clarke in more ways than one.

"I have seen how the interns have grown on a personal and professional level," said Becky Herrig, assistant director of Counseling and Career Services. "The students have communicated that the internship process has been a positive and beneficial experience."

Not only have mentors noticed the positive influence of this internship, but so have those involved. "I have been able to work with a great group of students, faculty, and staff," said Sonia. "Also, my understanding of the athletic department and athletic programs has increased and I have been able to be

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Find your passion— not your major

Hilary Van Praag
Staff Writer

Finding a major that fits what you want to do in life can seem like an endless process. We tend to believe the major we choose is the one profession we are stuck with for the rest of our lives.

We believe the decision has a huge impact on our future that may decide where we live; the hours and weekends we will work; how early we have to wake up; when we get off; and the big factor of what our average salary will look like—all a big deal!

When senior year comes around, the nerves start to kick in and we wonder if we have spent the years studying the wrong major for that perfect future.

You should know that a major isn't everything. "Everything is open to you," said Kelsey Meyer, Clarke admissions counselor. "One opportunity will always lead to

another. No one can say this is the right path versus a different one for you."

Meyer had a very interesting path throughout college that got her her job as one of Clarke's very own admissions counselors. She graduated from Coe College with a degree in biology and art and also worked in admissions while attending Coe. With no regrets, she ditched her idea of becoming a medical illustrator and took the job as an admissions counselor at Clarke. "Everything just works out the way it is supposed to," said Meyer.

Clarke Assistant Director of Residence Life Doug Haltinner agrees, "I changed my mind about what I wanted to do after college. I was very involved with the residence life activities at New England University in

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BSU asks: Is he a thug?

Rachel Armstrong
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After Seahawks' defensive back Richard Sherman's infamous rant to a Fox News interviewer following the team's win over the 49ers in January, the media were calling Sherman a "thug" for how he responded.

This incident sparked an interest in Clarke's B.L.A.C.K. Student Union to host a panel discussion on the profiling of black men and how the term "thug" is now being used as a racial term in today's society.

The Black History Month event featured four community leaders from Dubuque who discussed a variety of topics such as sports, language, and media, and how they are affecting the black community. The discussion generated enthusiastic responses from audience members who kept the conversation going.

"I was very pleased," said senior philosophy and psychology major Cammy Wash-

ington. "I was privileged to experience how the word 'thug' was portrayed in the eyes of others and how a word could be so impactful."

The panelists were first asked to define what the term "thug" meant to them. Ericka Lessears, Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator for the city of Dubuque, identified the term as being associated with a racial slur. She explained how oftentimes people use the word "thug" as an easy replacement for the "N-word," and the two are used interchangeably.

Matt Zanger, a violence prevention instructor with the Riverview Center and the only white panelist, disagreed with Lessears saying, "The term 'thug' to me means a big dumb brute, but a white man."

Throughout the evening it became evident that the term has different meanings for

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See how these alums set up their careers as students

Adrienne Gibbs
Staff Writer

Something special about Clarke is its sense of community, a community that many former students have decided to remain a part of after graduation. From the Clarke image created through design to the team that brings in new students to the always helpful IT desk to the Development Office that creates meaningful relations with alums, we at Clarke are surrounded daily by alums who are continuing to create the positive atmosphere that brought them to Clarke in the first place. These former students have created their own paths starting in college with internships and work study opportunities that provided them with valuable work experience that led them to landing a career on campus.



Julie Cirks
Class of 2006
Major: History
Title: Admissions
Operations Manager

What was your position in the department or on campus as an undergrad?

I started as a tour guide, then became an office student worker in Admissions and finished as an Admissions intern.

Did you experience any challenges during the transition from student to full-time employee?

The hardest thing about moving from a student to a professional at Clarke for me was becoming a supervisor and coach to my friends. It is a delicate balance when you have to change roles, but want to maintain the friendship.

A word of advice for current students:

Be open to job opportunities that interest you, not just those tied directly to your major. You will use your Clarke education no matter what you choose to do since it is so well rounded and extends outside the classroom.

Past positions at Clarke:

She has also been the Admissions database manager, an Admissions counselor, a senior admissions counselor and assistant director of Admissions in the past eight years.

Past positions at Clarke:

I was first hired at Clarke as an admissions representative and was later promoted to the Director of Admissions. I worked in Admissions for seven years before moving to the Institutional Advancement office where I am now.

What was your position in the department or on campus as an undergrad?

I worked my senior year at Clarke as an Admissions intern.

Did you experience any challenges during the transition from student to full-time employee?

I went from being the student to the colleague, and it was weird for me at first. Faculty and staff helped me to grow professionally early on and 12 years later are still teaching me new tricks. I also struggled as many of my friends were still students and I now represented Clarke in a way I had not before. I took responsibility for how our relationship would need to be different; things that were fine for a senior in college to do were not always fine for a young professional to do. The sacrifice has paid off as I am still here and still friends with many of those people who gave me a hard time 12 years ago.



Andy Schroeder
Class of 2002
Major: Communication
Title: Development Officer

What was your position in the department or on campus as an undergrad?

My position here in the computer center while I was in school was also the Help Desk. The position was held by work-studies prior to me becoming a full-time staff member.

Did you experience any challenges during the transition from student to full-time employee?

I do not remember any challenges; I thought it was a pretty seamless transition. I already had a headstart when I started full-time because I

knew the people in my department, how the department operated, and what the job would be like. I know that doesn't list challenges, but it does speak positively for internships.

What is your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of working at the Help Desk is the part of the job where I get to help people. Having someone show up with a problem and leave with it solved, no matter what size, is very satisfying.



Andrew Thomas
Class of 2009
Major: CIS
Title: Help Desk Specialist,
Keller Computer Center

Your major isn't everything

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Biddeford, Maine."(For a degree in aquaculture and aquarium science with a philosophy minor.) Although Haltinner didn't end up working in a aquarium as he planned, he still gets to enjoy time around aquatic life by volunteering at the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium.

The jobs that come within our field of study seem to be what we have been working for our whole college career. Some of us may find the right fit out of college and for others it may take longer. We are more successful when we find something we love doing. If you're miserable sitting at a desk for eight hours that job is probably not for you.

"I had a very panicky moment like—Oh my, I don't think I want to do this—I have always followed blindly," said Meyer. "For me to be a medical illustrator, I'd have to get into these certain

graduate classes, to be this specific person and I don't know if I want to be that person anymore." Meyer loves the environment of working in Admissions at Clarke.

"Having a degree is the best aspect," said Meyer. The things you learn for your major have some sort of connection to whatever you decide you want to do."

Think of Chao from "The Hangover," who you would never imagine would be a licensed physician aside from his acting career.

"I know you want to look for a job in your degree," said Meyer. "Obviously that's what everyone wants to do, but just remember everything is open to you." Haltinner adds, "You should look for things that are fun for you and don't be afraid of the future."

So just remember: Your major isn't everything!

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Soccer's Garcia overcomes injuries

Hilary Van Praag
Staff Writer

If you have not yet experienced the struggle of living on crutches for a month, feel lucky. Senior athletic training and Spanish major Danni Garcia has spent months on crutches recovering from injuries she has incurred from her Clarke soccer experience. Towards the end of this past season she tore her ACL for the fourth time, but this time it was in her left leg. Danni has obviously not had much luck with her soccer career at Clarke, but hopes to get back out on the field soon.

Despite the many tears and sprains her legs have gone through, Danni agrees she will not be hanging up the cleats yet, as she is hoping to be a part of the team next year by helping coach the team alongside head coach Tyler Watkins.

"I am excited to be a part of the team again," said Danni. "I missed out on a lot of the practices and games due to my ACL injury this last season. I will never be done with soccer—it's a part of me."

She is studying athletic training and hopes to help the team next year to prevent injuries. "This season we had four ACL



Photo: Taylor Shively

Danni Garcia makes a move past a University of Dubuque player during a 5-0 win to get her season off to a good start.

tears including me," said Danni. Watkins adds, "Like most seasons, we had a few injuries along the way that have a big impact on our success. It is very difficult to predict or prepare for losing players to injury."

Danni plays center midfielder; this position is the base of a soccer formation and plays a big role for the team on the field. "She is a great leader, a hard worker, and great teammate," said Watkins. "She was

a tremendous loss to our mid-field during conference play. After her injury, Danni still displayed a sense of leadership on the sidelines."

Tearing an ACL is one of the worst injuries in athletics. It can mean someone is out from approximately six to nine months depending on the therapy and healing process.

Being on crutches for weeks can be quite the struggle. "Crutching on the ice is impossible and makes it a lot

tougher to get around to class each day," said Danni.

Going up and down stairs, carrying a backpack, and getting out of her bunk bed with crutches have been her most challenging tasks.

During her last ACL tear, crutches were not prescribed for her recovery. Without crutches she still had to be cautious walking because there was a higher risk of her knee giving out, which usually resulted in falling on her face.

Although Danni's college career in soccer is over, she plans to keep soccer in her schedule once she recovers. "My advice for the younger athletes is to take care of themselves," said Danni.

"These injuries could have been prevented if I had given it the proper attention. Take the right amount of time needed to recover and don't push it."

Danni plans to be back on the field this spring.

"My biggest accomplishment is being able to come back from three ACL surgeries," she said. No matter the injury, Danni will continue to keep the love of the game in her life for as long as she possibly can.

Athletic Interns

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a part of projects I thought I wouldn't ever be apart of," said Sonia. Senior business major Ethan Jelinek also had positive things to say: "It's nice to not have to go anywhere for an internship, I like that I can be right here and help out my own school while doing my internship. Hopefully this becomes an annual internship. I see Clarke's athletic program benefiting significantly from this."

Clarke Athletic Director Curt Long says the interns were very helpful. "We were able to do some projects that we just couldn't get to in the past, plus we have a perspective from students' eyes. We did a couple of fundraisers and a lacrosse presentation for faculty and staff that we normally wouldn't be able to do."

"If we could define it even more after we've done this, we could specialize people. We could offer job descriptions for a certain area that a student could select."

Men's and Women's track push limits

Michael Francis
Staff Writer

Clarke's track and field program is off to a great start with both the men's and women's team making history by setting conference records. Although the teams faced the challenges of staying motivated during a long season and having to stay mentally tough, they can see the hard work is paying off.

"The hard work has to continue in order for the teams to see the results they are aiming for," explained junior Nick Anderson. "Staying mentally tough is just as im-

portant as taking care of our bodies." Sophomore Allison Smith agrees. "We met as a team at the beginning of the year and decided we wanted to place top three at our conference meets, she said."

The women successfully finished the last conference meets. "Some of the men's goals are to carry on the momentum from conference into the outdoor season," explained Nick.

Fans should come support the teams when they compete at Loras College on April, 26. "The fans can expect that our

program will be scoring more points than we ever have as a team during meets," said Allison. Hopefully, we will be bringing some titles home.

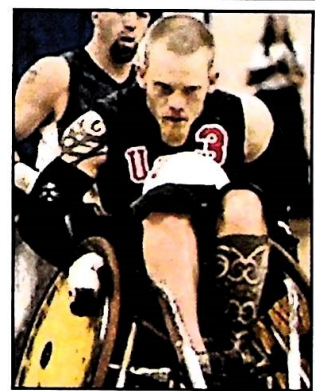
The indoor season wrapped up on March 7-9 when Clarke took a few team members to compete in nationals. The teams have a short break before they are back at it again in preparation for a successful outdoor season.

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different people; however, the panelists all agreed that it is often used as a way to describe black men today.

Willie Slayden, diversity consultant and project coordinator at JMO Services, a public speaking consultation firm, explained how the way the media responded to Sherman's interview is a prime example of how black men in today's society are forced to abide by what is seen as "socially acceptable" behavior; otherwise, they will be labeled as a "thug."

"I live on a very small patch of what is acceptable in America," said Slayden. "Going too far on one side, I'm a threat, and on the other side, I'm marginalized."

The panelists went on to discuss the origin of the term

"thug" and how it has gained its current meaning. They briefly discussed how the rapper Tupac Shakur used the term in his songs as a way to rationalize how he lived his "thug" life. Anderson Sainci, an intern with the city of Dubuque, explained how, although Tupac glorified the term "thug," it is no longer cool to be considered one.

Lessears encouraged young black men to take responsibility for their actions. She explained that while people cannot control what the media has to say, they can control how they present themselves. The panelists concluded by urging young blacks to write their own narratives instead of conforming to the stereotype that media has created.

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On The Street

Christiann Bramble
Staff Writer

What's your favorite thing to do on St. Patrick's Day?



Matthew Lechnin
freshman nursing major



Ellie Ament
sophomore psychology major

"I like to dress up in green because I'm Irish. I watch the St. Patrick's Parade that is televised in the local area and also watch the Irish movie 'Boondocks Saints.'"

—Matthew Lechnin

"I'm from Dyersville, Iowa, so celebrating St. Patrick's Day is a big deal. I go downtown to the parade with family and friends, and one thing I really enjoy is the Gaelic Gallop 5k run."

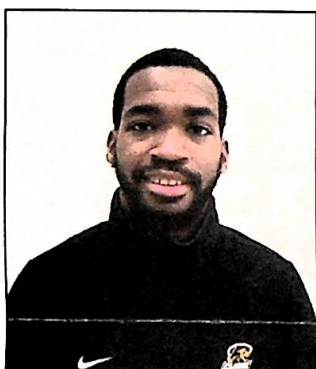
—Ellie Ament

"Coming from Chicago, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated all over. I go on the ferry on the Chicago River which is dyed green and take in the scenery while listening to music."

—Jonathan Shepherd

"My favorite thing to do on St. Patrick's Day is to go down to a big party celebrated in Farley, Iowa, where everyone comes out to have fun. Also, my friends and I go around town going to different parties where people are dressed in Irish clothing looking like leprechauns."

—Stephanie Leahr



Jonathan Shepherd
sophomore psychology major



Stephanie Leahr
sophomore psychology
and pre-physical therapy major

On Other Campuses

Hilary Post
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Ghosts on Campus?

A chilling discovery was made at the University of Mississippi Medical Center when 1,000 bodies and 2,000 unmarked graves were stumbled upon during an attempt to build a parking garage. The bodies first appeared a year-and-a-half-ago. Estimated at 100 years old, the remains are likely those of former patients of the "Mississippi State Lunatic Asylum" located on the Ole Miss campus from 1855 to 1935. According to Dean of the Medical School Dr. James Keeton, the bodies are not identified. Although the university considered reburying the bodies, it will not be able to cover the \$3 million cost. In an unrelated incident, in 1990, about 20 headstones were reportedly discarded just behind university property and workers uncovered 44 unmarked graves a few years later.

—CollegeNews.com

Hacking your way to an "A"

A Purdue University student who hacked into his professors' computers and changed his grades has been sentenced to four years in jail. Roy Sun, 25, masterminded a plot beginning in 2008 to ensure he got straight A's despite only attending one class. Sun placed devices on instructors' computers to copy their passwords before logging in and changing his grades late at night. He would sneak into professors' offices to plant keystroke recorders--devices that record every key pressed on the computer, then log on to the university system about 10 minutes before the deadline for entering final grades, which was usually late at night, and alter them. Sun, who got a legitimate "A" in the one class he did attend, along with a best student award, said, 'It became so much easier to change my grades than going to class and working real hard.'

—The Daily Mail

Prof asks: "When may I shoot a student?"

A professor at Boise State University asked the question in a satirical "New York Times" op-ed in response to a controversial bill that would allow students to carry concealed guns on public campuses in Idaho. "I assume that if a student shoots first, I am allowed to empty my clip; but given the velocity of firearms, and my aging reflexes, I'd like to be proactive," professor of biology and criminal justice, Gregory Hampikian wrote in his article. "For example, if I am working out a long equation on the board and several students try to correct me using their laser sights, am I allowed to fire a warning shot?" Despite heavy opposition from students, police and the State Board of Education, the bill passed the Idaho Senate on Feb. 20.

—CollegeNews.com

MEDIA WATCH

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Staff Writer



Andrew Coleman
senior psychology major



Jasper Mundy
freshman sports mgt. major



Brenna Vick
freshman nursing major



Tiffany Schwanke
freshman business major

What is your favorite song?

AC: "Man in the Mirror,"
Michael Jackson
JM: "Merry Christmas,"
Slade
TS: "Don't Let Me Be
Lonely," Band Perry
BV: "Someone Like You,"
Mac Miller

What was the last movie you watched?

AC: "Hunger Games 2"
JM: "Full Monty"
TS: "Lone Survivor"
BV: "Silver Lining Playbook"

What is your favorite movie?

AC: "Anchor Man"
JM: "The Big Lebowski"
TS: "Toy Story"
BV: "Blades of Glory"

Who is your favorite actor?

AC: Will Ferrell
JM: Anthony Hopkins
TS: Channing Tatum
BV: Will Ferrell

One last thing...

Tia Grap
Editor

What is the last picture in your phone's camera roll?



RILEY TAUBERT, JUNIOR,
BIOLOGY/PRE-MEDICINE MAJOR

"Roger, my friend Tyler's cat, and me posing together getting ready to hit the town."



ABBY MARKHAM, SENIOR,
NURSING MAJOR

"My friend made me a 'W' pancake because she calls me 'Wabby.'"